

Pair-instability supernovae explosions (PISNe)

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The process of ignition and propagation of burning plays an important role in determining the observational outcome of an explosion.



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ABSTRACT

According to theoretical models, massive stars with masses within the 100–250 M_{\odot} range should explode as pair-instability supernovae (PISNe). Since the first stars of the Universe are believed to be very massive, these supernovae should play a significant role in the early stages of its history. But these stars represent the last unobserved population, owing to detection limits of current telescopes. In this work we analyze pair-instability supernovae explosions using various numerical codes. We evolve series of the configuration of oxygen cores to establish a range of masses and initial conditions where this type of explosion is possible. We also study the development of possible instabilities in the propagation of shockwaves during the last stage of the explosion. This investigation could help to predict the observational properties of PISNe for future space and ground telescopes.

Key words. stars: Population III – supernovae: general – hydrodynamics – instabilities

1. Introduction

The first stars of the Universe, called Population III stars (Pop III), are rapidly becoming an important subject of investigation from the point of view of theory and observations. The formation of these stars hundreds of millions of years after the Big Bang marks the end of what is called the “Dark Age”. Today’s telescopes cannot look far enough into the cosmic past, so we do

not know whether they ended their lives by pair-instability supernova or by collapse to a black hole. In the case of PISNe, the energy release is tremendous and could possibly be seen by future telescopes (*James Webb Space Telescope*, *European Extremely Large Telescope*).

In this work we analyze the PISN explosion. We present the results of one-dimensional simulations of the fate of a star depending on physical conditions. In recent articles ([Chen et al. 2011](#); [Joggerst et al. 2012](#))

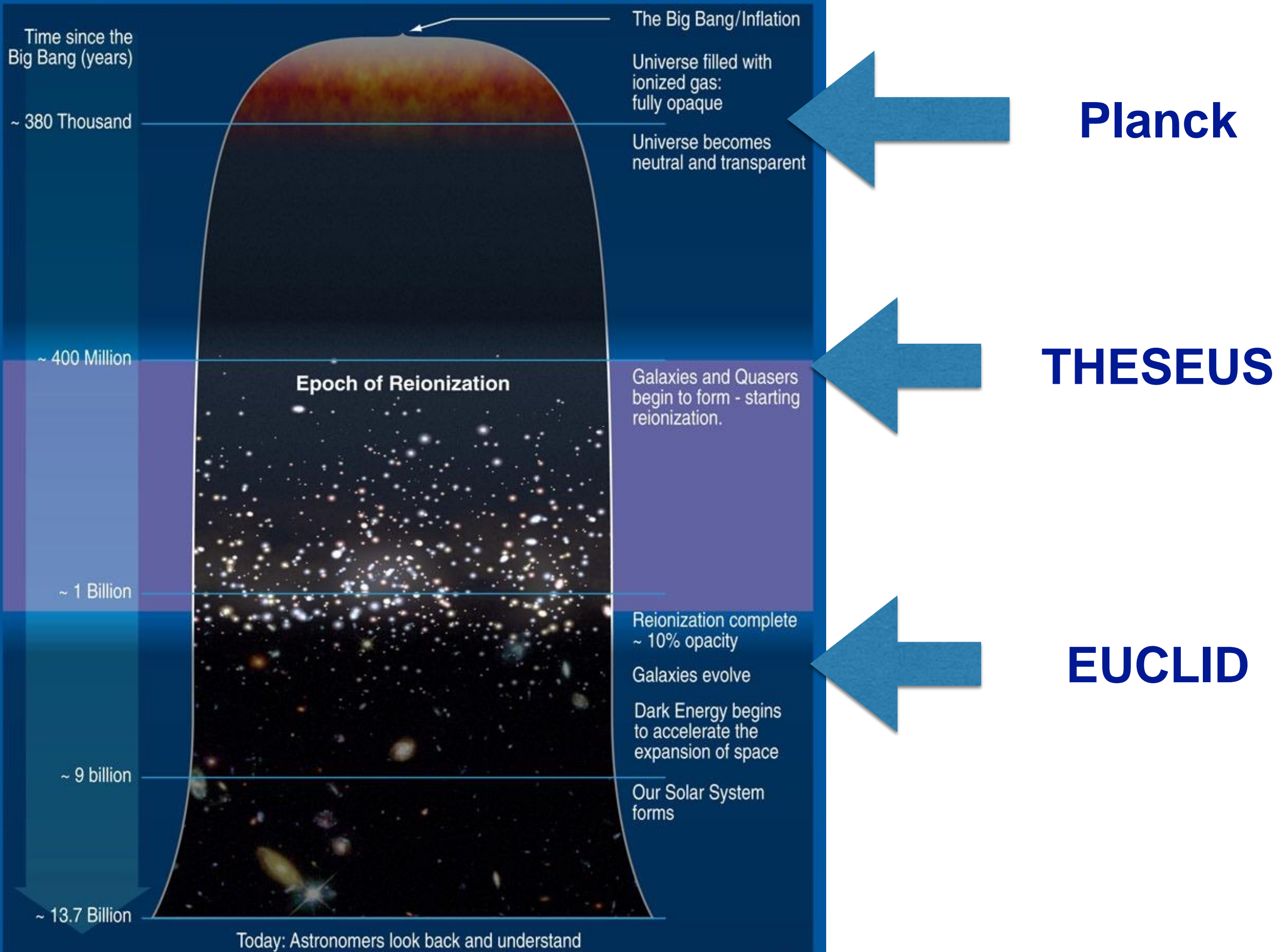
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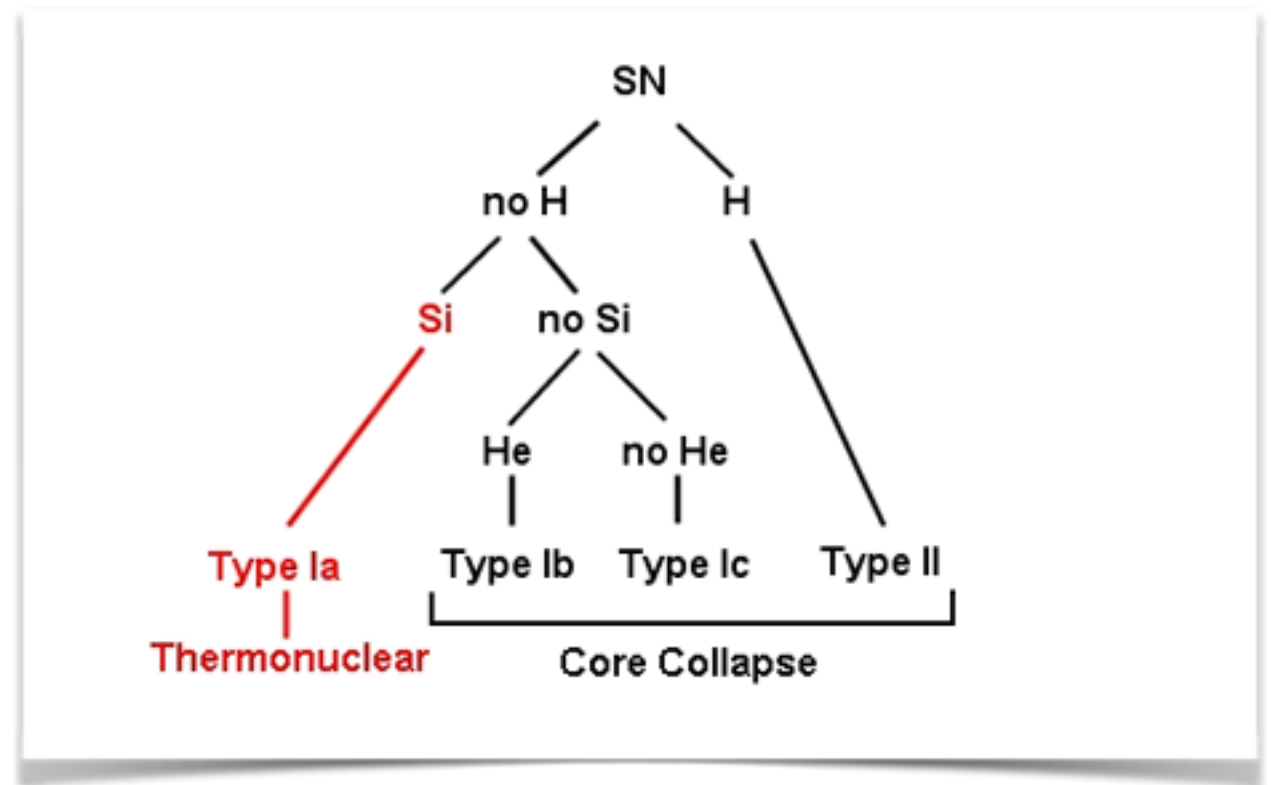
Introduction

- **Introduction: general context**
- **What is a pair instability supernovae explosion?**
- **Some results**

First Stars and Reionization Era



Classification of SN is based on spectral characteristic



I will not speak about spectra

SN Ia: mass overcomes the Chandrasekhar mass, **losses the stability** and start to contract

SN II: main trigger is the **gravitational instability of the iron core.**

PISNe: pairs creation reduces internal pressure and leads to rapid contraction of the star. **An instability regime.**

« The nuclear fire »

- **Supernovae are explosive phenomena.**
- **The most difficult part is the « ignition » and the « propagation of this nuclear fire » inside the star. (Zeldovich 1960, Arnett 1969, Ivanova 1974).**
- **After ignition, the explosion develops by burning the material. A shock wave is created and develops in the star. The rate at which the wave propagates is characteristic of the type of explosion: detonation (supersonic velocity) or deflagration (sub-sonic). In this type of combustion, the material is burned much faster than in a « classical » flame process.**
- **We need hydrodynamical calculations to model the propagation of this explosion.**

The flame propagation inside stars

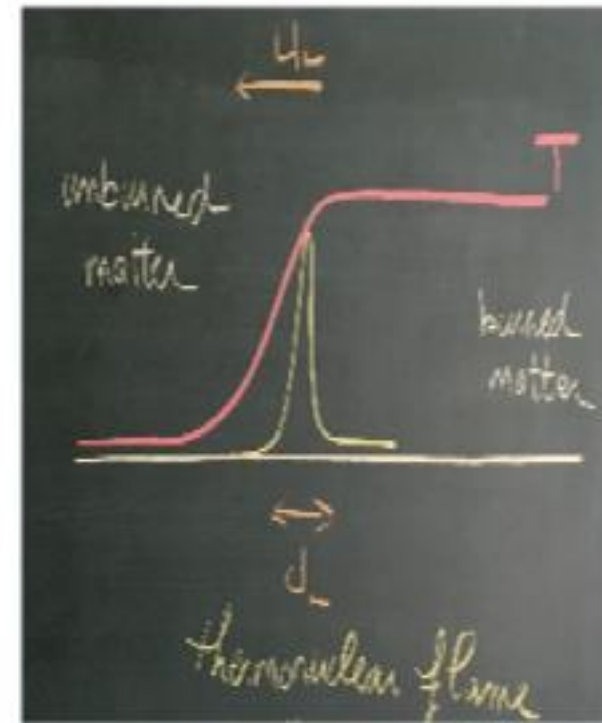
The speed of the flame wave can be expressed as:

$$U_L \simeq \sqrt{\frac{D_T}{\tau_{burn}}}$$

*Landau Lifshitz (1958)

Thus, the thickness of the wave can be obtained as:

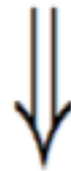
$$d_L \simeq \frac{D_T}{U_L} = \sqrt{D_T \tau_{burn}}$$



Development of instabilities (as Rayleigh-Taylor and Landau-Darrieus instabilities), will modify the shape of the front-wave increasing the burning rate.

Spatial resolution is $\delta R \sim \frac{R}{N}$ The only processes that can be reproduced are those with $\gg \delta R$.

The thickness of the burning wave is $l \sim 0.1 \text{ cm} \ll \delta R$



Regime of burning is assumed and it is incorporated in the explosion.

The fate of massive stars

Main sequence Mass	Core Mass	SN
$10 < M < 95$	$2 < M < 40$	Fe core collapse
$95 < M < 150$	$40 < M < 63$	Pulsation instabilities + core collapse
$150 < M < 260$	$63 < M < 133$	pair instability
$M > 260$	$M > 133$	Black hole

This type of instability was predicted
by Rakavy & Shaviv (1967)

Because of the huge mass of the star that encounters pair creation, energy release during PISN explosion is tremendous

Energy released: $\simeq 3.5 \times 10^{52} \text{ ergs}$

to be compared to
the binding energy $\simeq 0.5 \times 10^{52} \text{ ergs}$

Bond, Arnett and Carr (1984)

Role of temperature

When central temperature in the core of the star reaches a few 10^9 K : possibility of pair creation

Planck spectrum

Wien Law

$$\lambda_{max} T = 0.2898 \text{ cm. } K$$

$$E_{\gamma} \simeq 1 \text{ MeV} \qquad T \simeq 2 \times 10^9 \text{ K}$$

First computations: Koppe (1948),

See also: Fowler & Hoyle (1964)

For massive stars, they reach high value of T at relatively **low value of central density**

This can be understood by some basic equations of standard stellar physics

$$\rho_c \simeq \frac{T_c^3}{M^2}$$

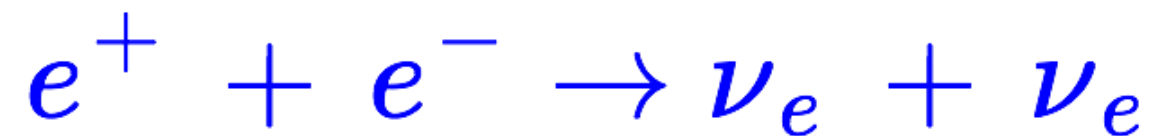
(formulation of Fowler and Hoyle $\rho_c \simeq \frac{T_c^3}{M^{1/2}}$)

Example of typical central density : few 10^5 g.cm^{-3}

Effect of pair creation

Fowler and Hoyle discovered that when the central temperature of a star reaches value $2 \cdot 10^9$ K, intensive pair creation occurs.

the consequence is to increase the energy losses by neutrinos

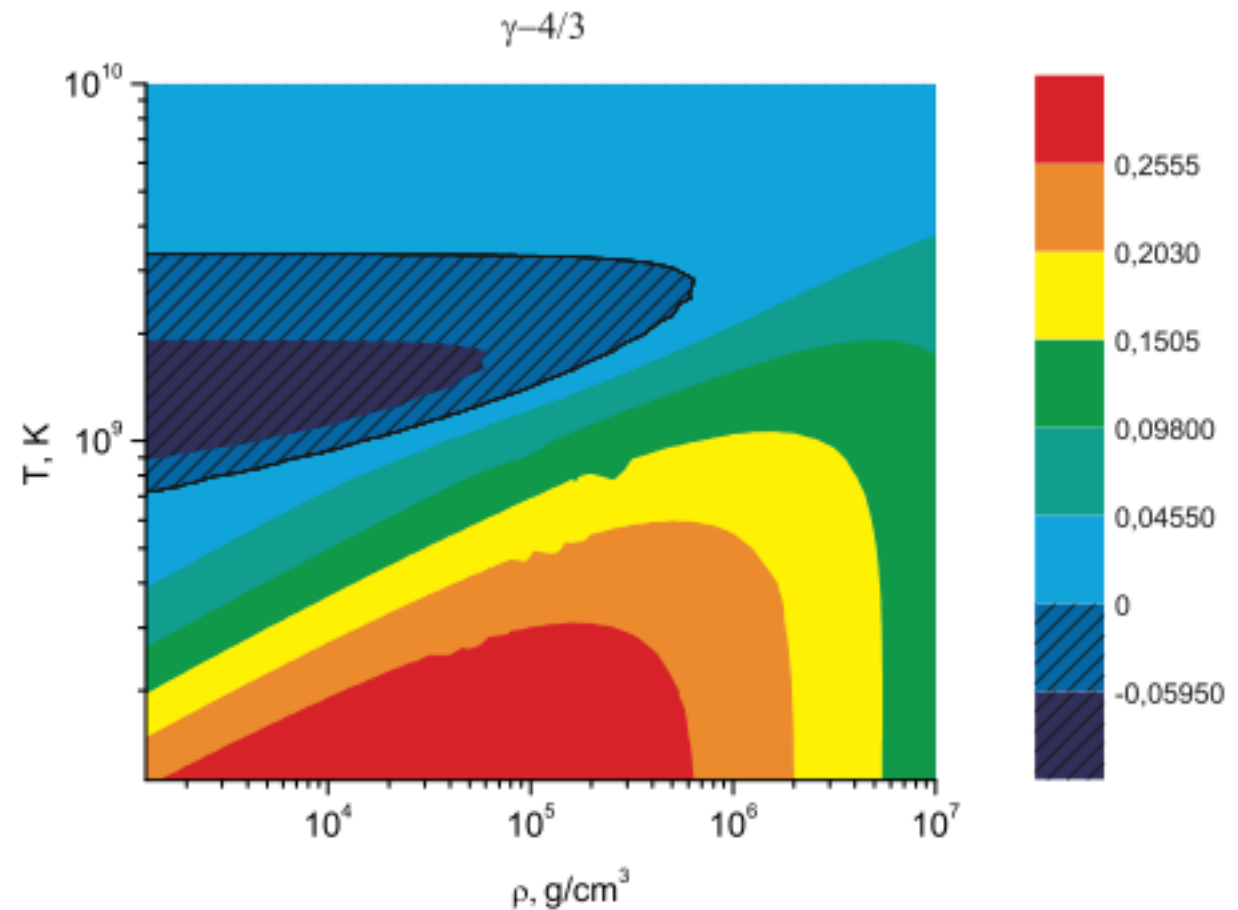


This accelerate the contraction of the star and rise the temperature and create new pairs.

Model of Pair-instability SN



Absorption of energy to create rest mass of the pairs
When a sufficient amount of the star entered in this area it becomes dynamically unstable



A recent history

The first evolutionary calculations were performed by [Rakavy and Shaviv \(1967\)](#). Computation of a 30 solar oxygen core.

The first dynamical computation of explosion was performed by [Barkat et al. \(1967\)](#): 40 solar mass oxygen core. They have found the [limit of mass](#) for PISNe of 30 solar mass oxygen core.

First detailed evolution of helium core were performed by [Arnett \(1972\)](#). He demonstrated that the core were composed mainly of oxygen when reaching the pair instability zone.

[El Eid et al \(1983\)](#) have studied evolution of 80-500 solar mass.

Glatzel et al (1985) have studied the effect of rotation.
This could extend the region of mass

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KEPLER code: Woosley CASTRO code Almgren et al

MESA code: Paxton et al 2010, 2013

Multidimensional simulations: Chen et al. 2011, Joggerst et
Whalen 2011

Simulation setup

- **Computational Grid**
- **Initial Model**
- **Equation of State**
- **Simulation runs**

To investigate the behavior of pair-unstable stars we performed various hydrodynamical simulations using:

FOR 1D SIMULATIONS:

1D Lagrangian code

Aim: study the fate of oxygen cores depending on mass and initial configuration

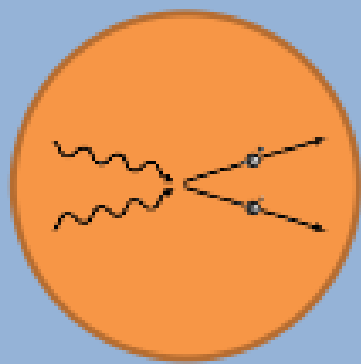
FOR 2D SIMULATIONS:

Piecewise parabolic method on a local stencil

Aim: to study the last stage of explosion when shockwave propagates outward

Numerical simulations

Envelope? of He and H



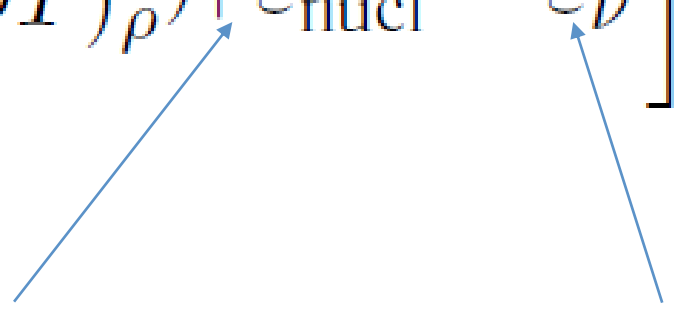
Oxygen core $\sim 100 M_{\odot}$

- Spherical symmetry
- Computation of the core only
- Polytrope with $\gamma=4/3$
 $P=K\rho^{\gamma}$

Numerical simulations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial r / \partial t = v \\ \partial v / \partial t = -Gm/r^2 - 4\pi r^2 (\partial P / \partial m) \\ \partial T / \partial t = \left[-4\pi \frac{\partial(r^2 v)}{\partial m} (T(\partial P / \partial T)_\rho) + \epsilon_{\text{nucl}} - \epsilon_\nu \right] / (\partial E / \partial T)_\rho \end{array} \right.$$

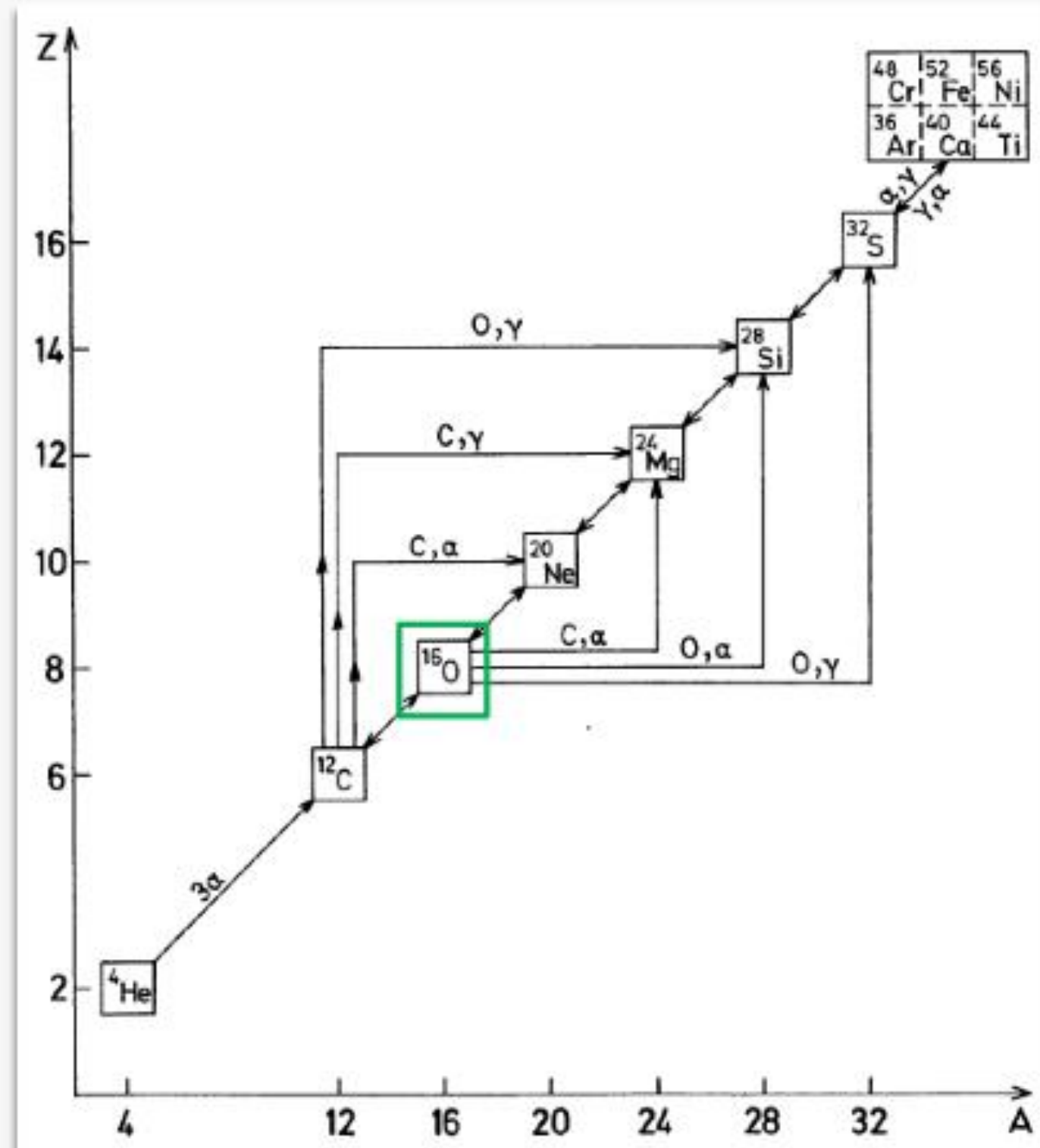
Nuclear burning Neutrino losses

The diagram consists of two blue arrows. One arrow originates from the text 'Nuclear burning' and points diagonally upwards and to the right, terminating at the ϵ_{nucl} term in the third equation of the system. The second arrow originates from the text 'Neutrino losses' and points diagonally upwards and to the left, terminating at the ϵ_ν term in the same equation.

System of equations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \partial r / \partial t & = v \\ \partial v / \partial t & = -Gm/r^2 - 4\pi r^2 (\partial P / \partial m) \\ \partial T / \partial t & = (-4\pi \frac{\partial(r^2 v)}{\partial m} T (\partial P / \partial T)_\rho + \varepsilon_{nucl} - \varepsilon_\nu) / (\partial E / \partial \rho)_\rho \\ P(\rho, T, Y_i) & = EOS(\rho, T, Y_i) \\ \dots & \\ dY_j / dt & = Y_k Y_l \rho R_{jk,l} - Y_j Y_l \rho R_{jl,m} + Y_i \lambda_{i,j} - Y_j \lambda_{j,k} \\ \dots & \end{array} \right.$$

Nuclear reactions

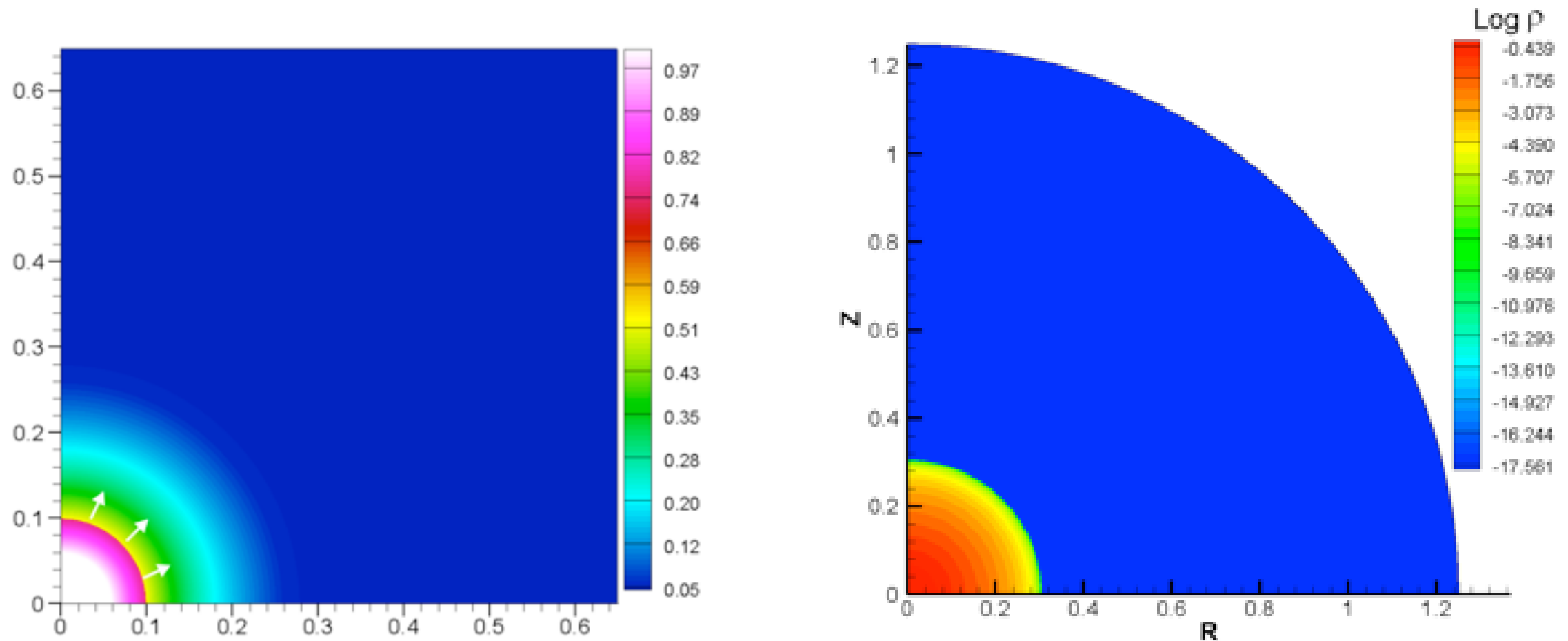


Multidimensional approach

- Oxygen core : 100 solar mass
- Radius of the core : 0.3 solar radius
- Central density : $\rho_c \sim 2 \times 10^5 g/cm^{-3}$
- Central Temperature : $T_c \sim 2 \times 10^9 K$

Hydrodynamics simulations were performed with a numerical code based on PPML algorithm Popov & Ustyugov (2007); Popov (2012)

Initial conditions



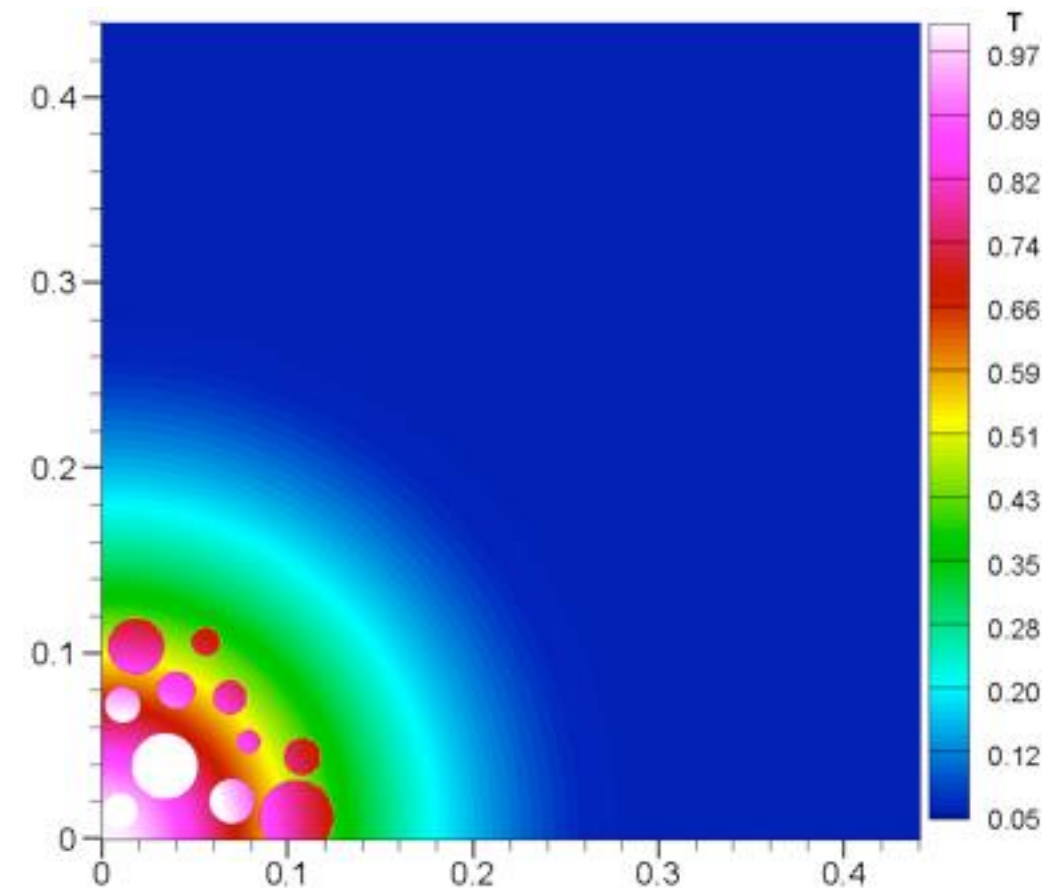
The energy $5 \cdot 10^{52}$ ergs was deposited in the central region. This region contains 60 solar mass.

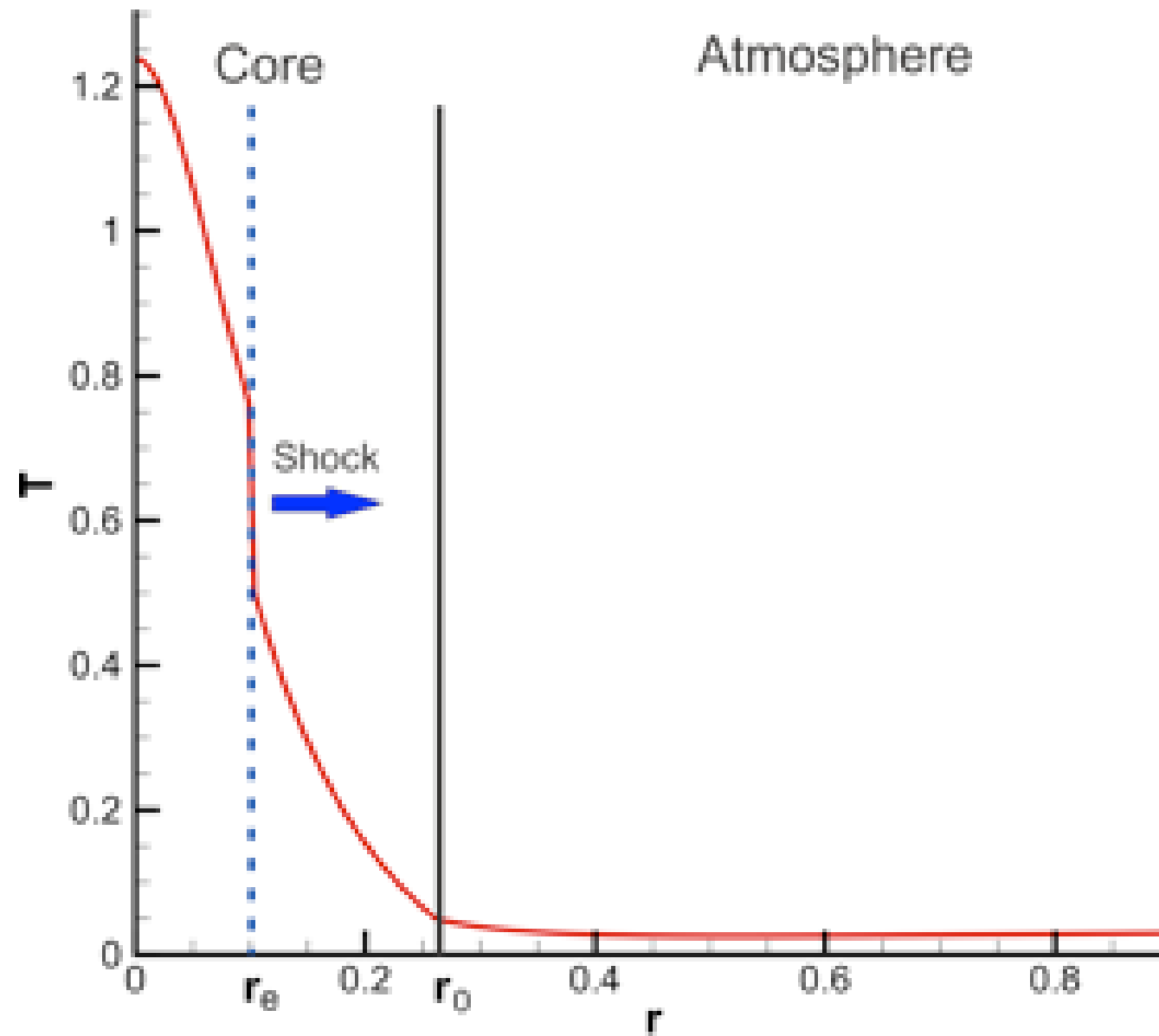
The pictures were obtained with 2D PPML code in cylindrical geometry (r,z) on 1600 1600 grid.

Multi-explosion core

- The fragmentation could be related with instabilities of the burning front.
- The front could propagate in different directions with different velocities. If there are some inhomogeneities in density, for example, some dense fragments in the central core, they could give several ignition points.
- Explosion was set by 11 ignition areas, which were distributed randomly. Total energy inserted into these areas is $5 \cdot 10^{52}$ ergs

Nuclear burning in the center of a star could cause the development of large-scale convection (Arnett 2011) if convection occurs prior the moment of pair instability the contraction and explosion could be non symmetrical. Inhomogeneities in T and ρ could cause ignition of spots to occur in the core.





The energy deposition, which produces the shock, is shown

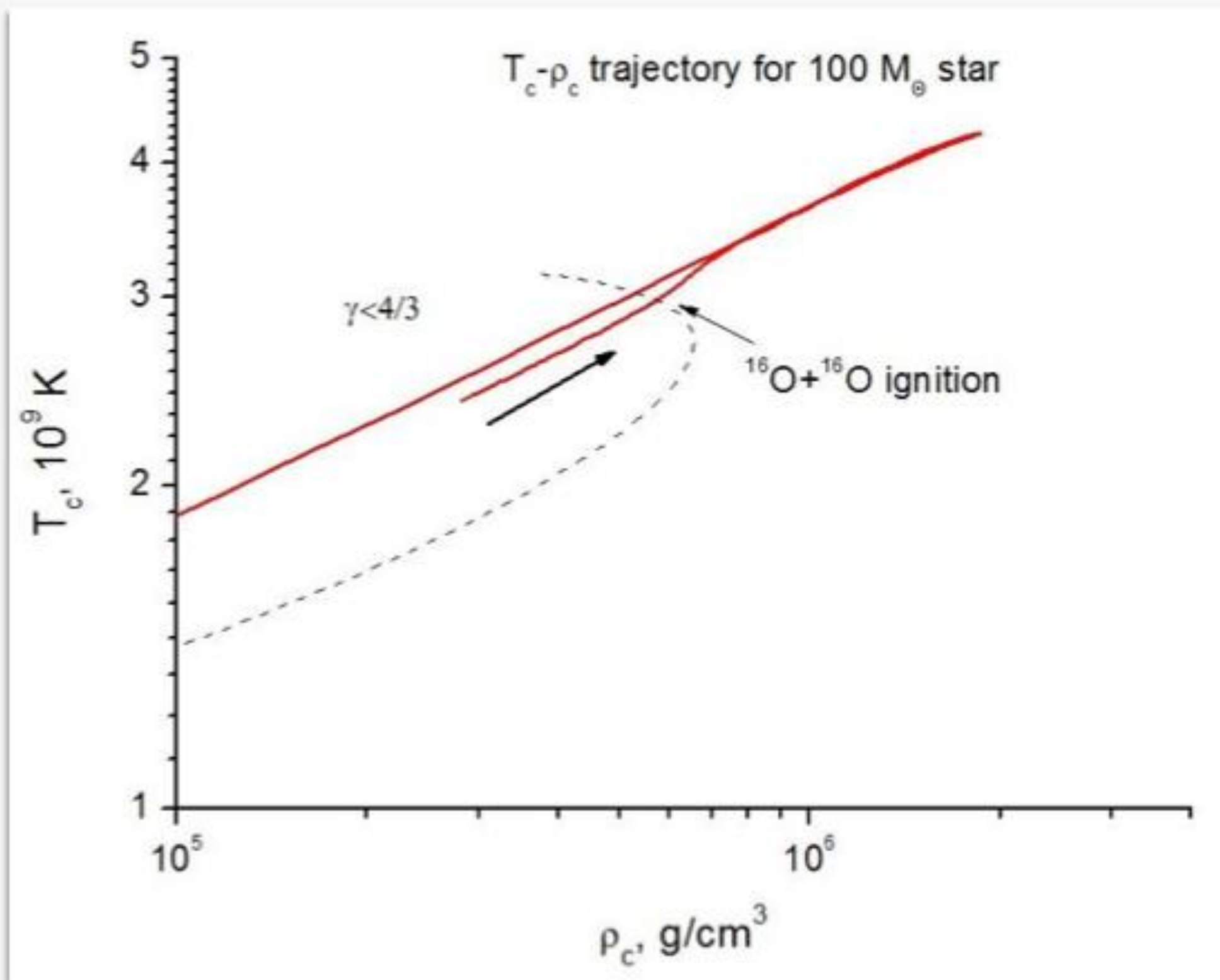
Temperature profile at the moment of explosion in the units of $2.36 \cdot 10^9 \text{ K}$

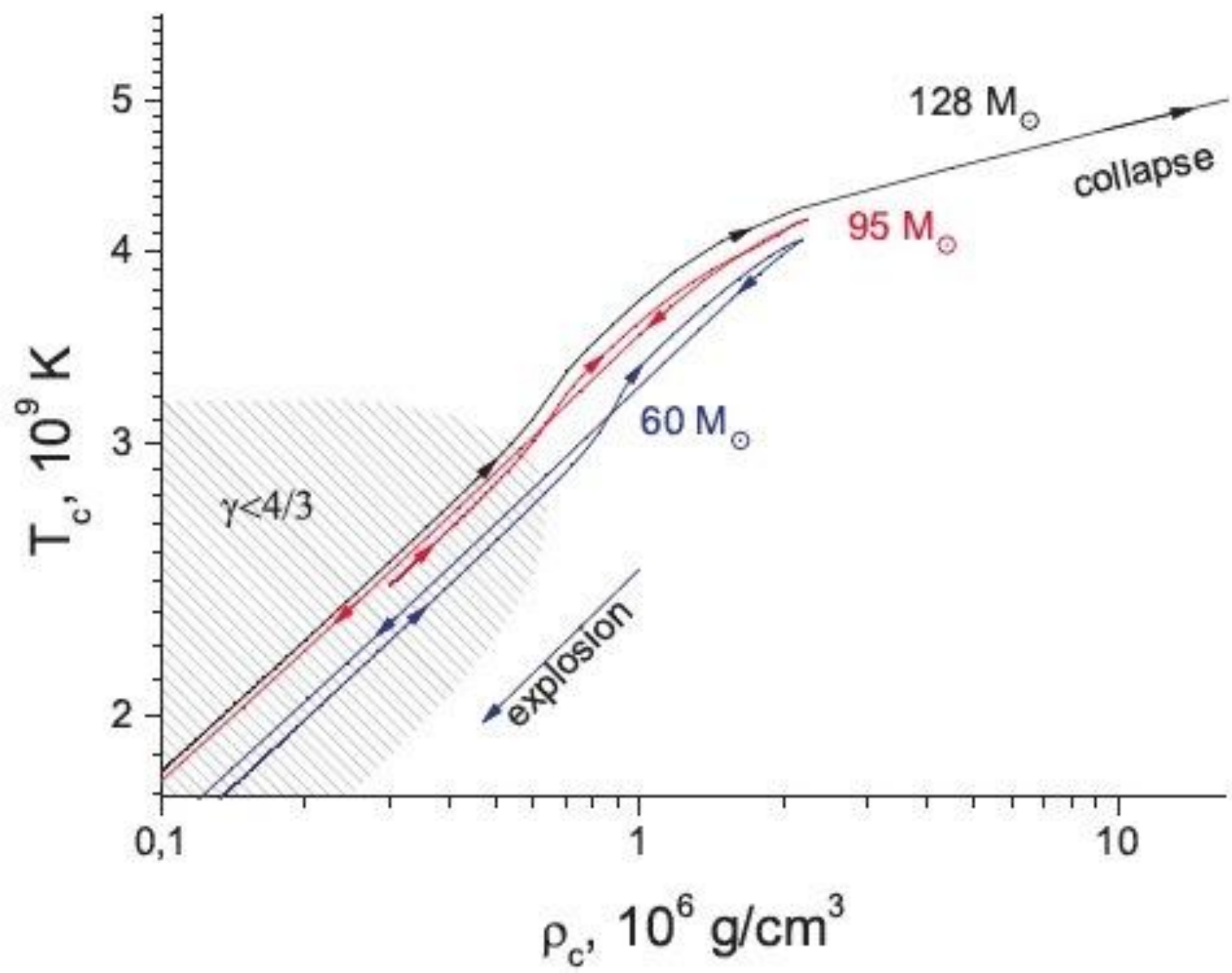
The values for the atmosphere: order of 10^8 K

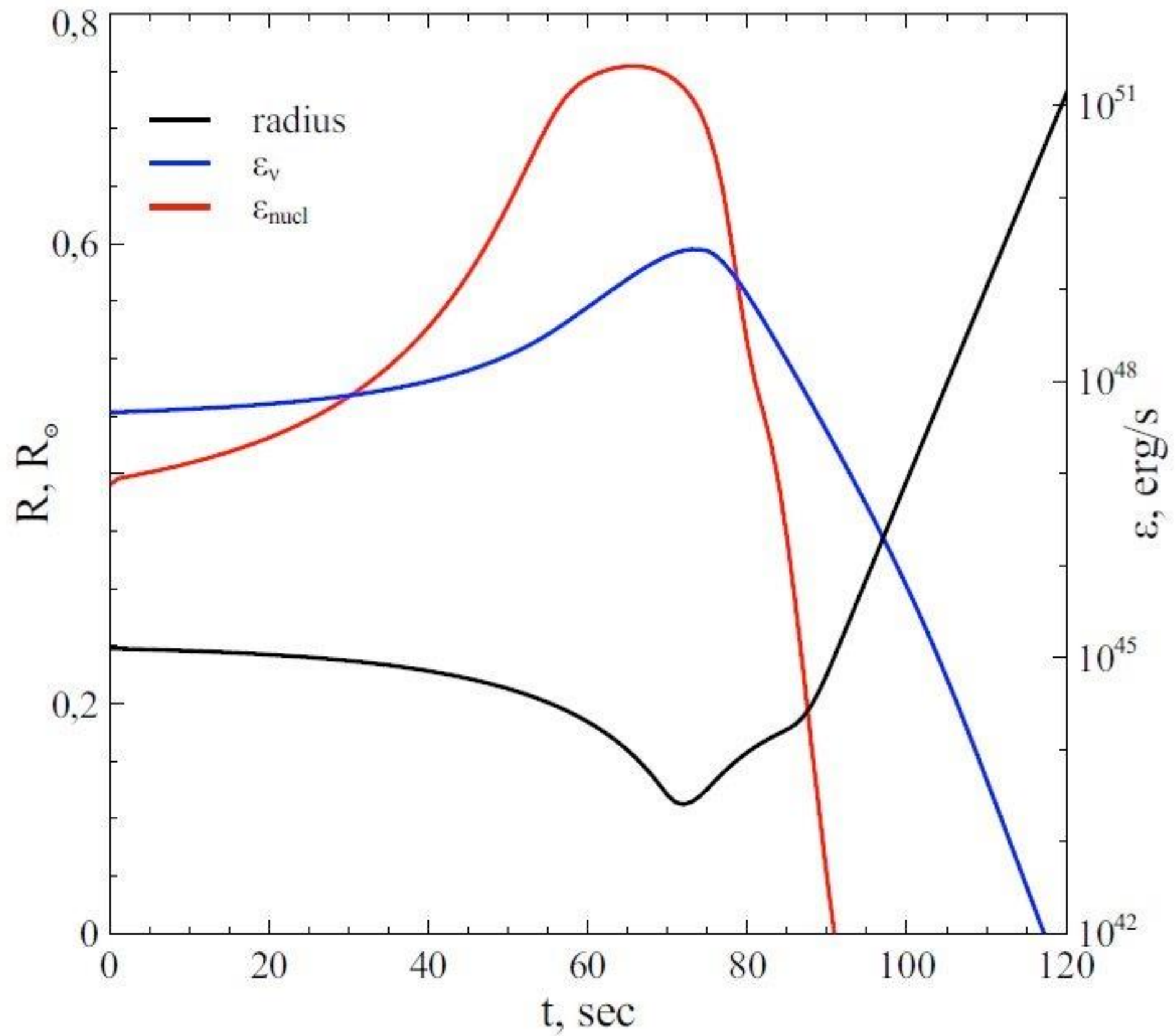
Results

- **1D code: dynamical evolution**
- **Scaling relation between E_{nuc} and T**
- **2D code: symmetrical explosion**
- **2D code : multicore explosion. Fragmentation of the core**

Results

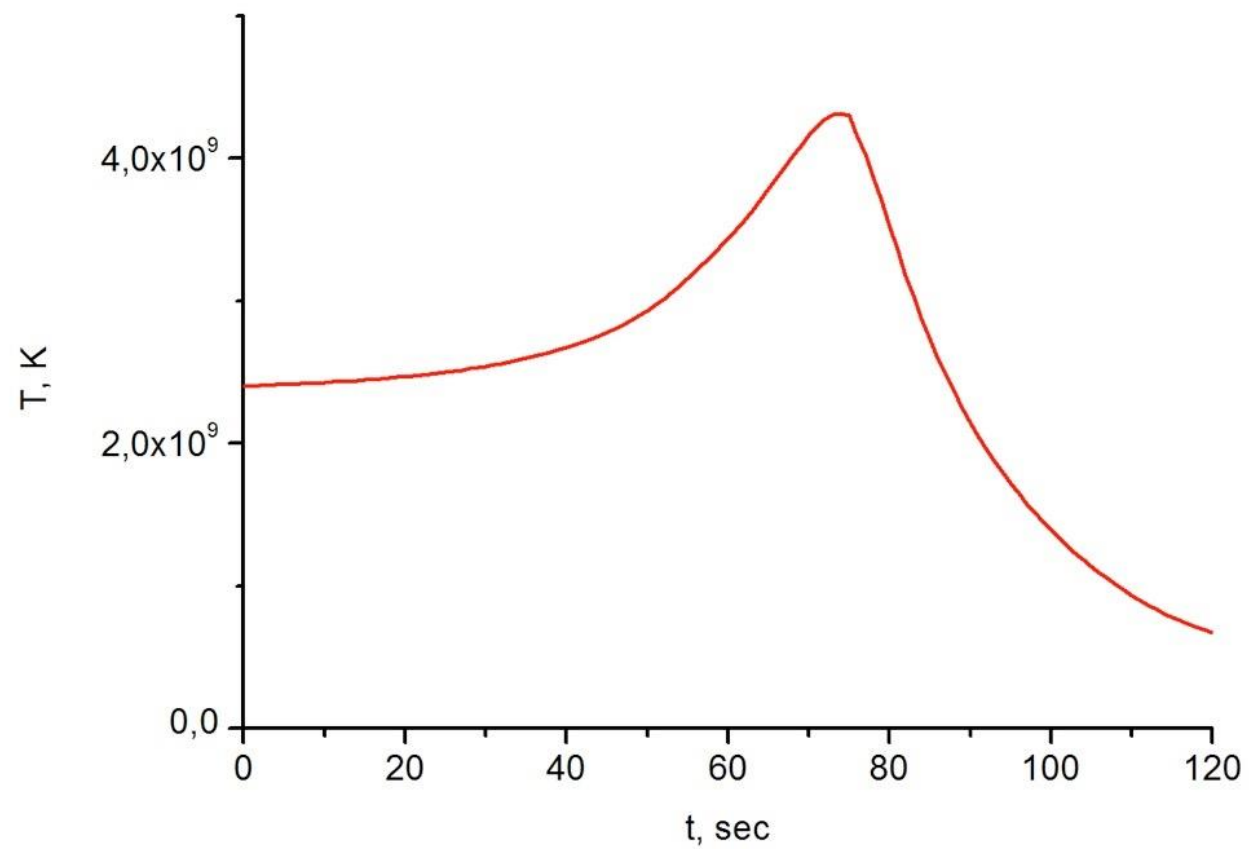




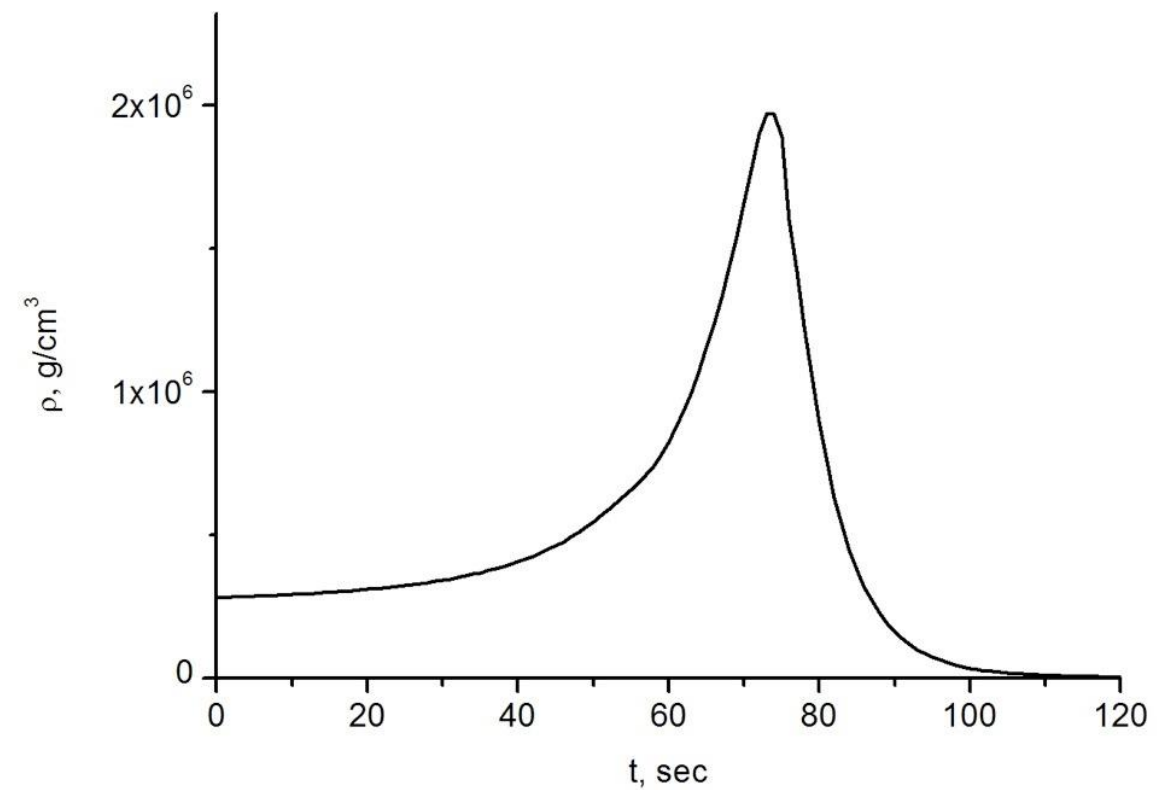


Results: density – temperature

Central temperature

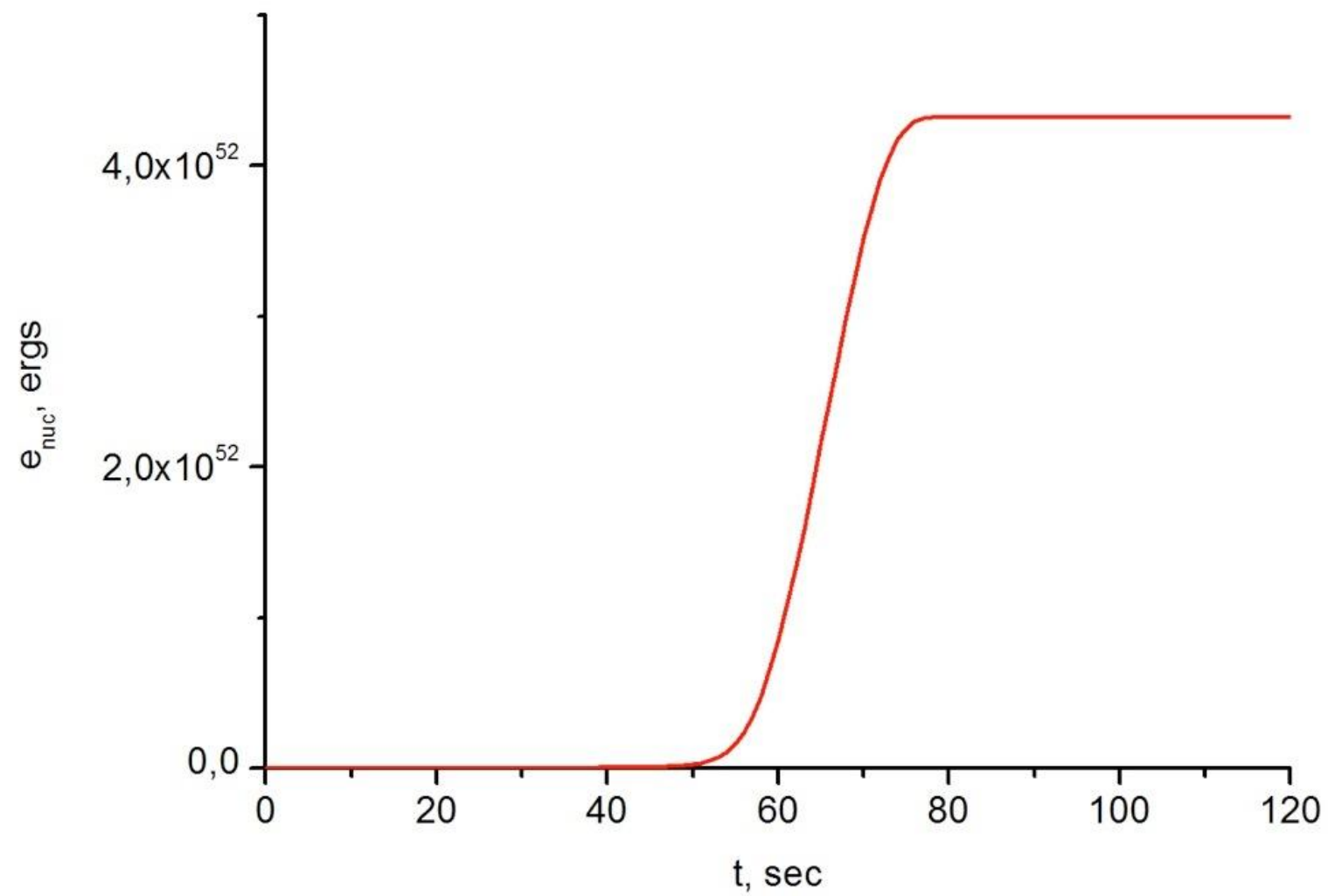


Central density



Results: timescale

Nuclear burning energy



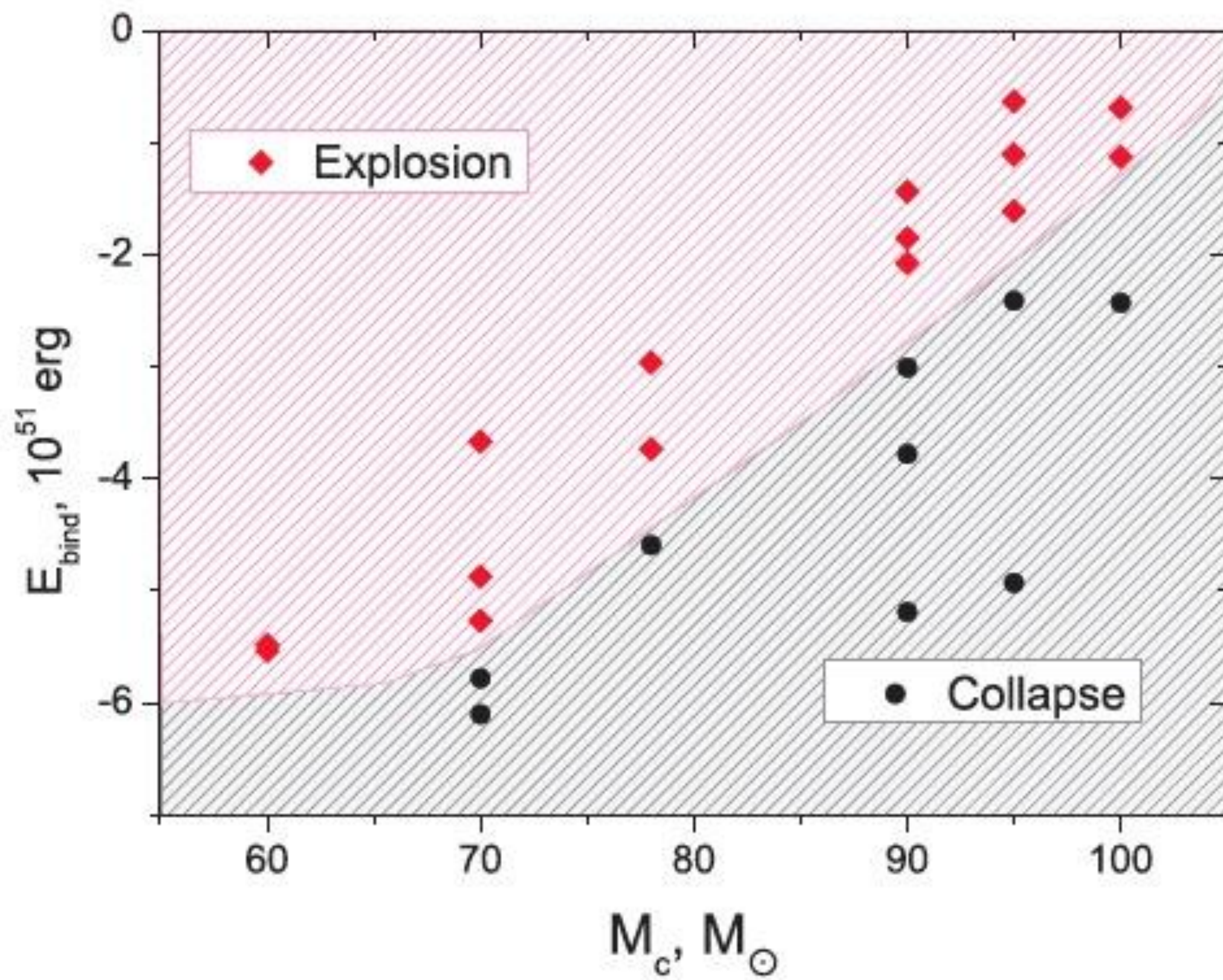
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100	1.65	—	—	collapse
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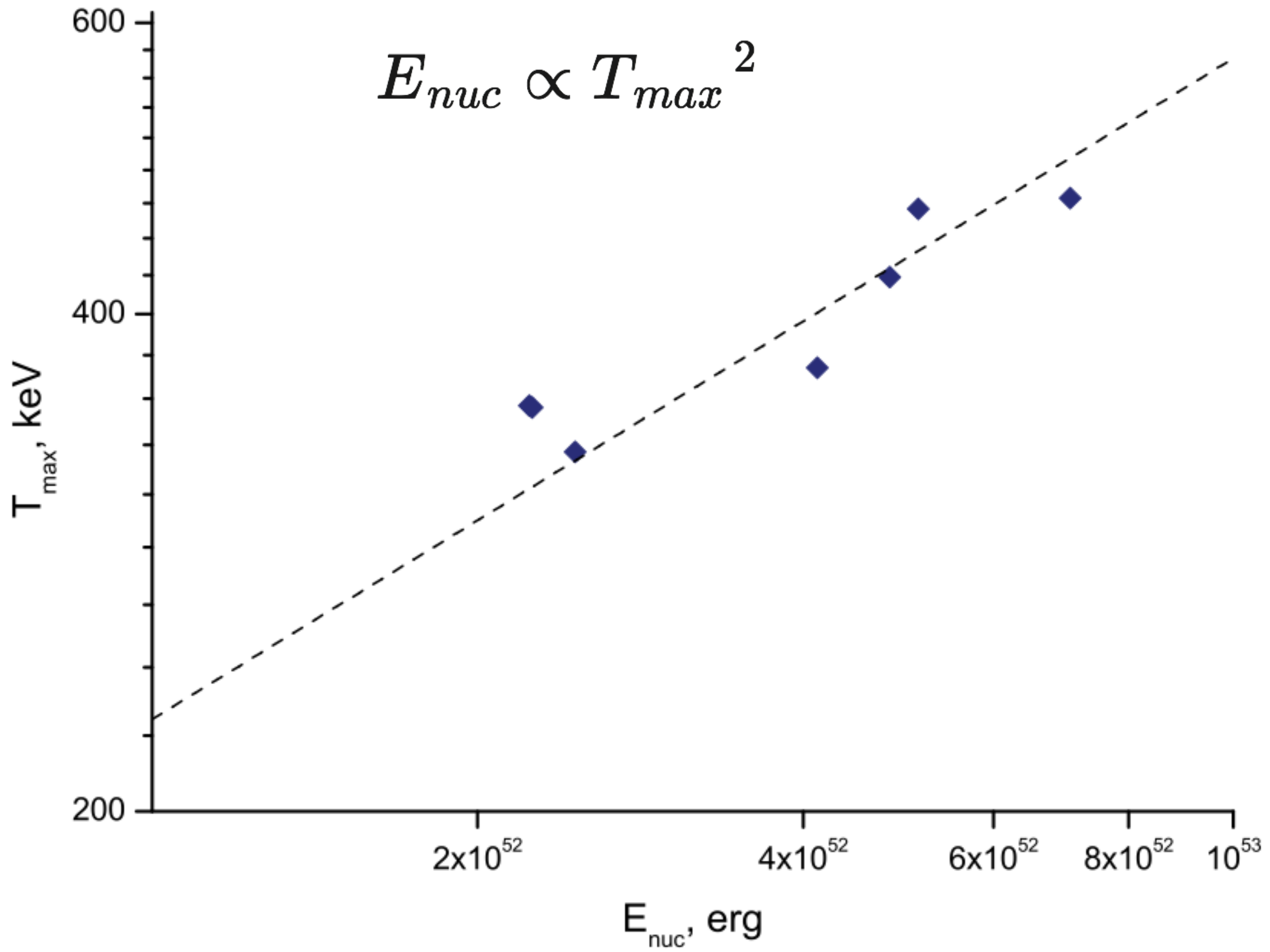
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Since source of energy is nuclear burning

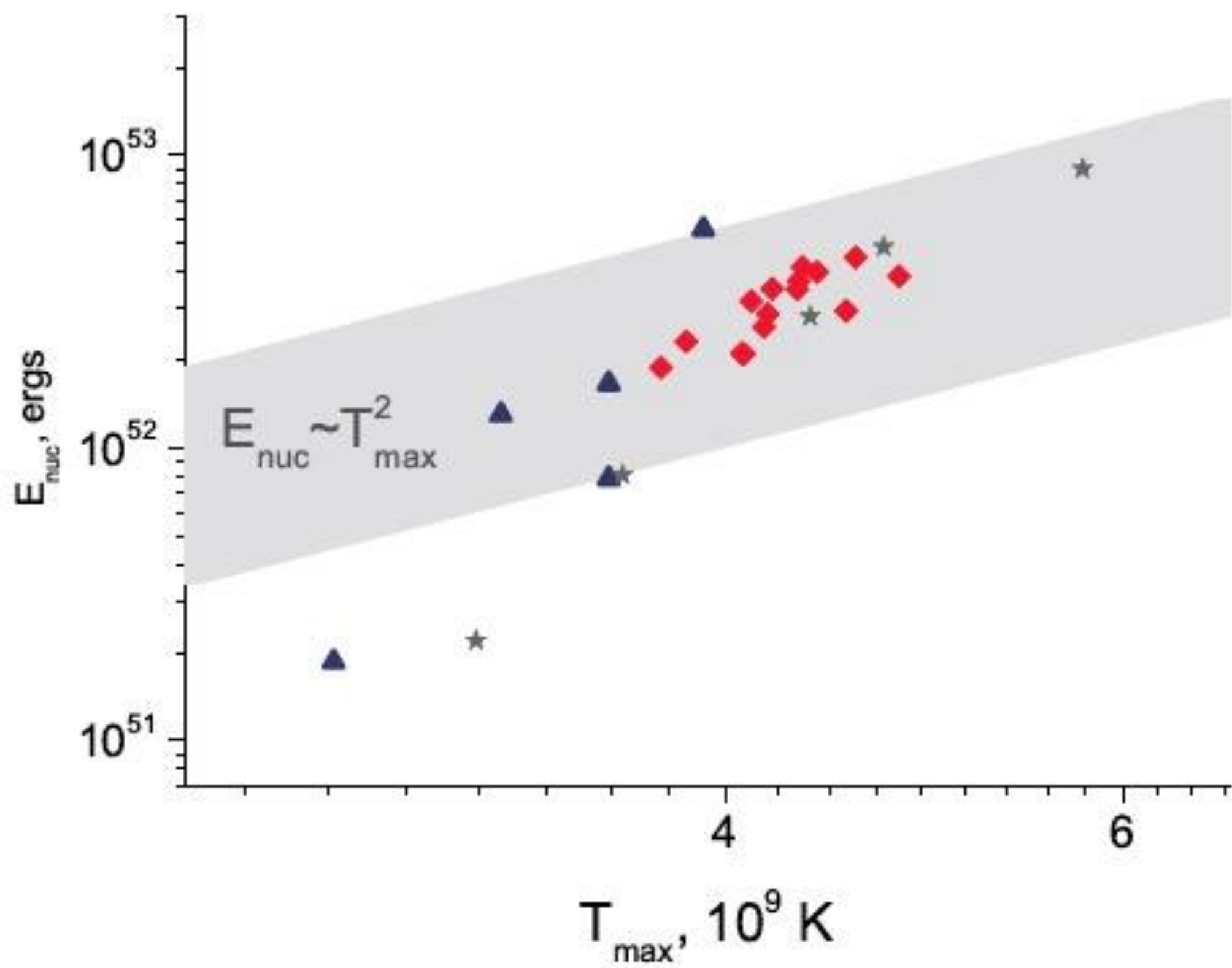
$$L \sim E_{Nuc} \sim M \cdot q, \quad [q] = \frac{ergs}{g \cdot s}$$

$$\frac{dT}{dR} = \frac{3\kappa\rho L}{16\pi acT^3 R^2}$$

$$\frac{dT}{dR} \rightarrow \frac{T}{R}, \quad \rho \rightarrow \frac{M}{R^3}$$

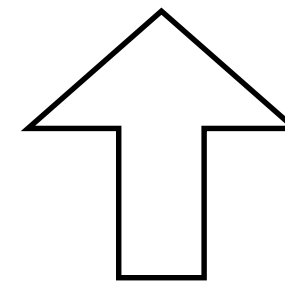
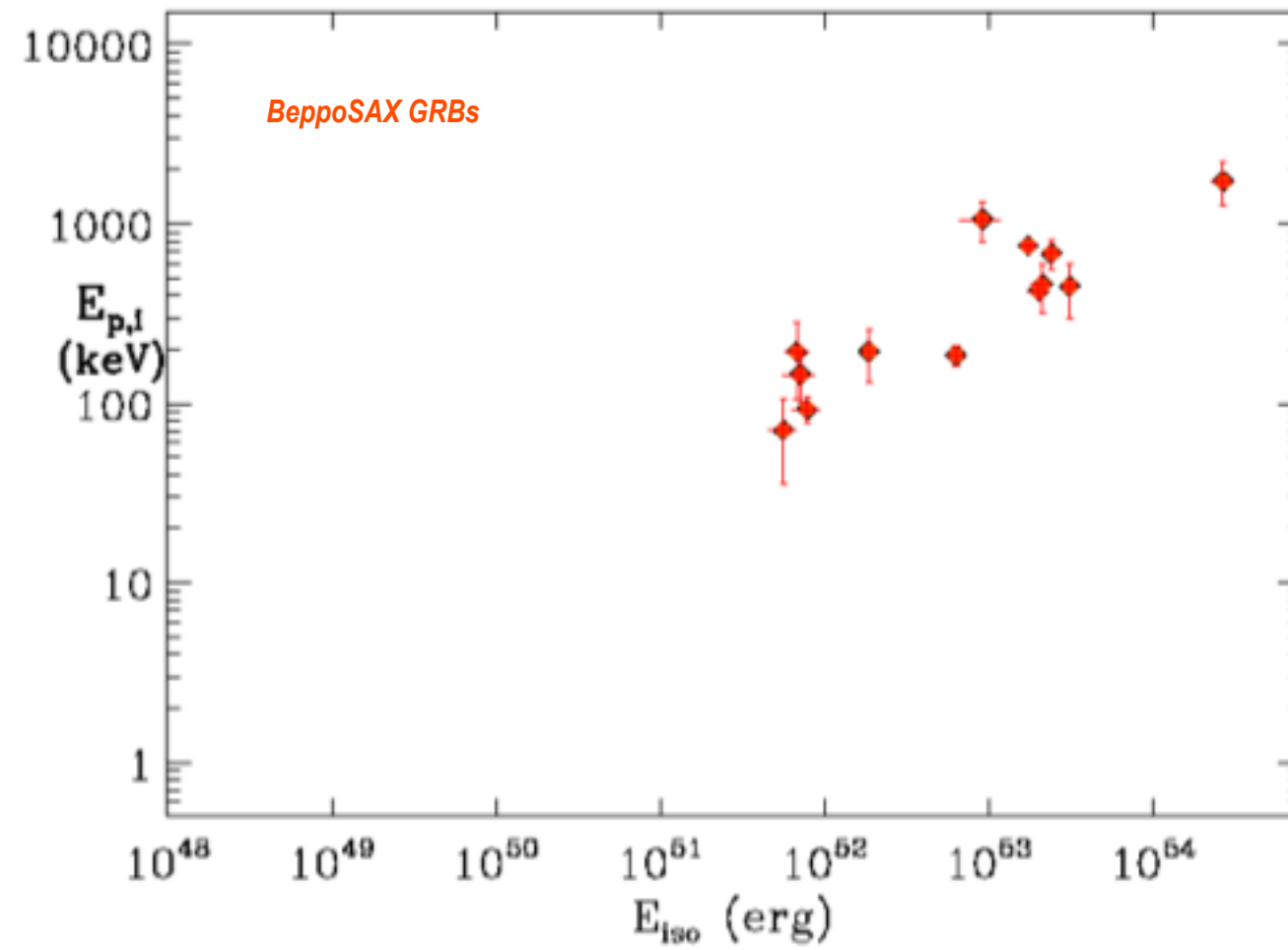
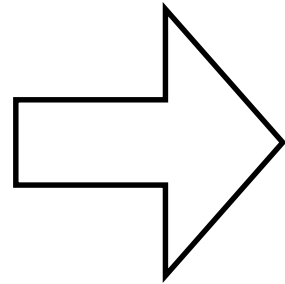
$$T^4 \sim \frac{ML}{R^4} \sim E_{Nuc}^2$$

$$T^2 \sim E_{Nuc}$$



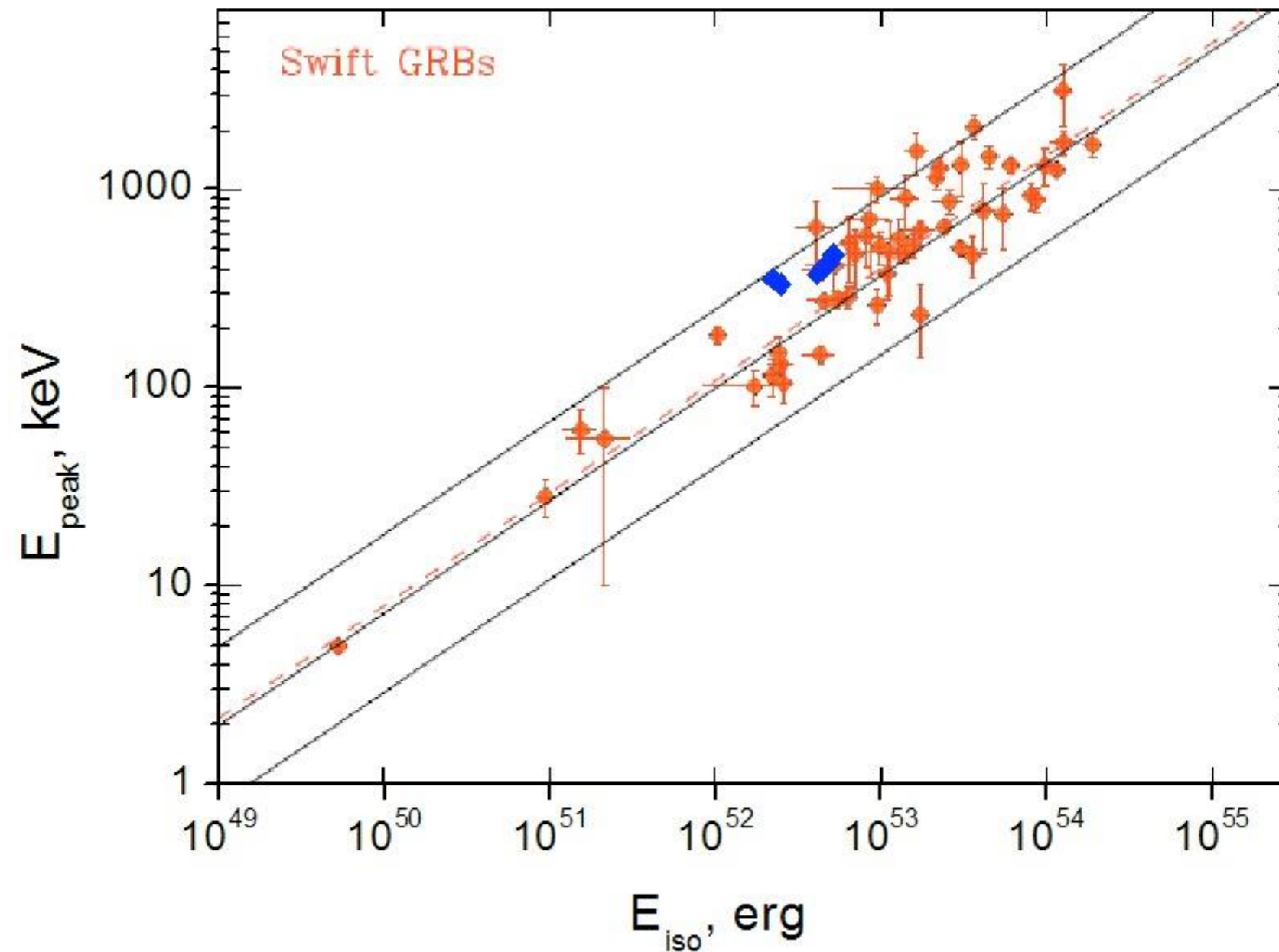
Amati et al. (A&A 2002)

T_{max}

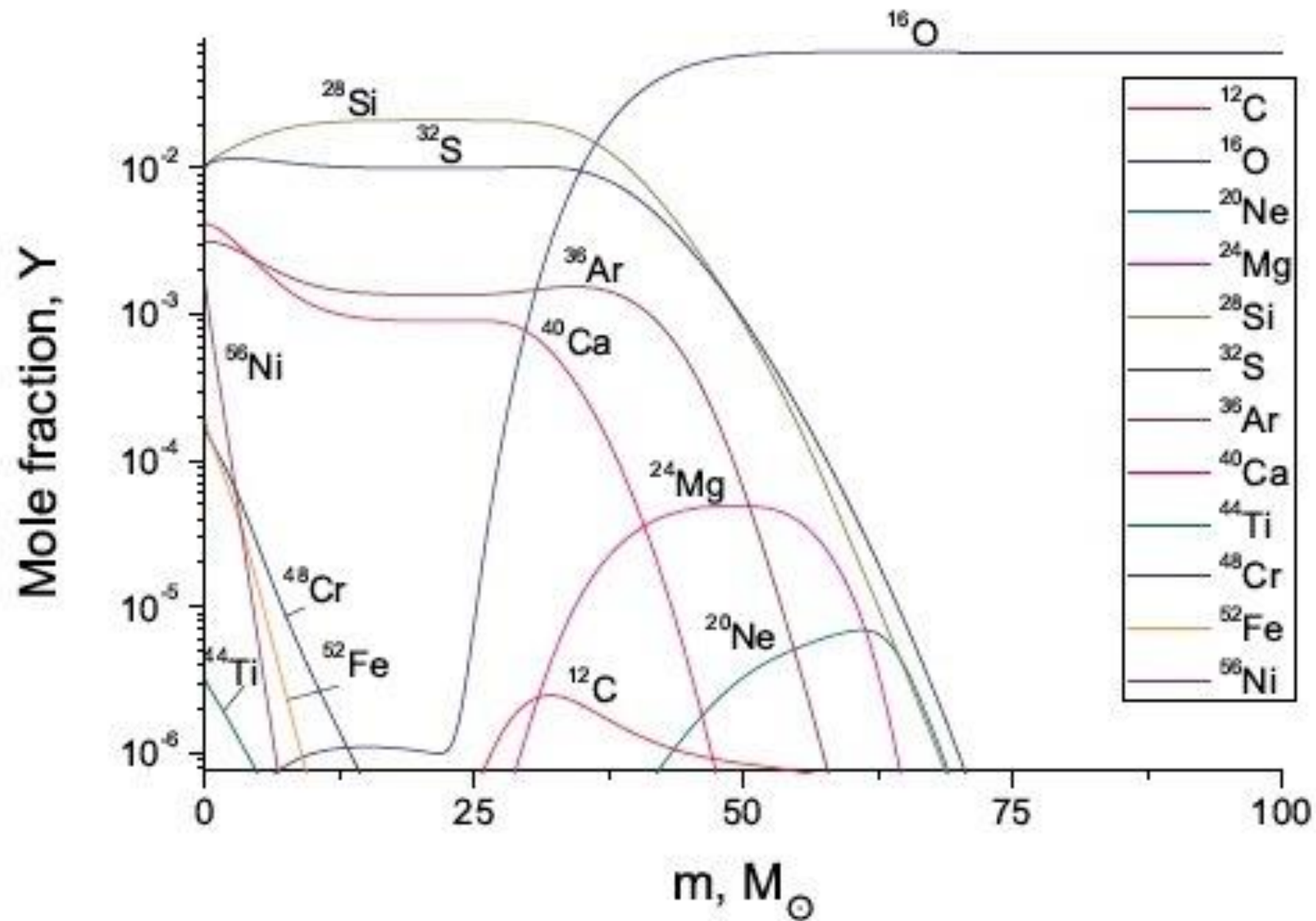


E_{nuc}

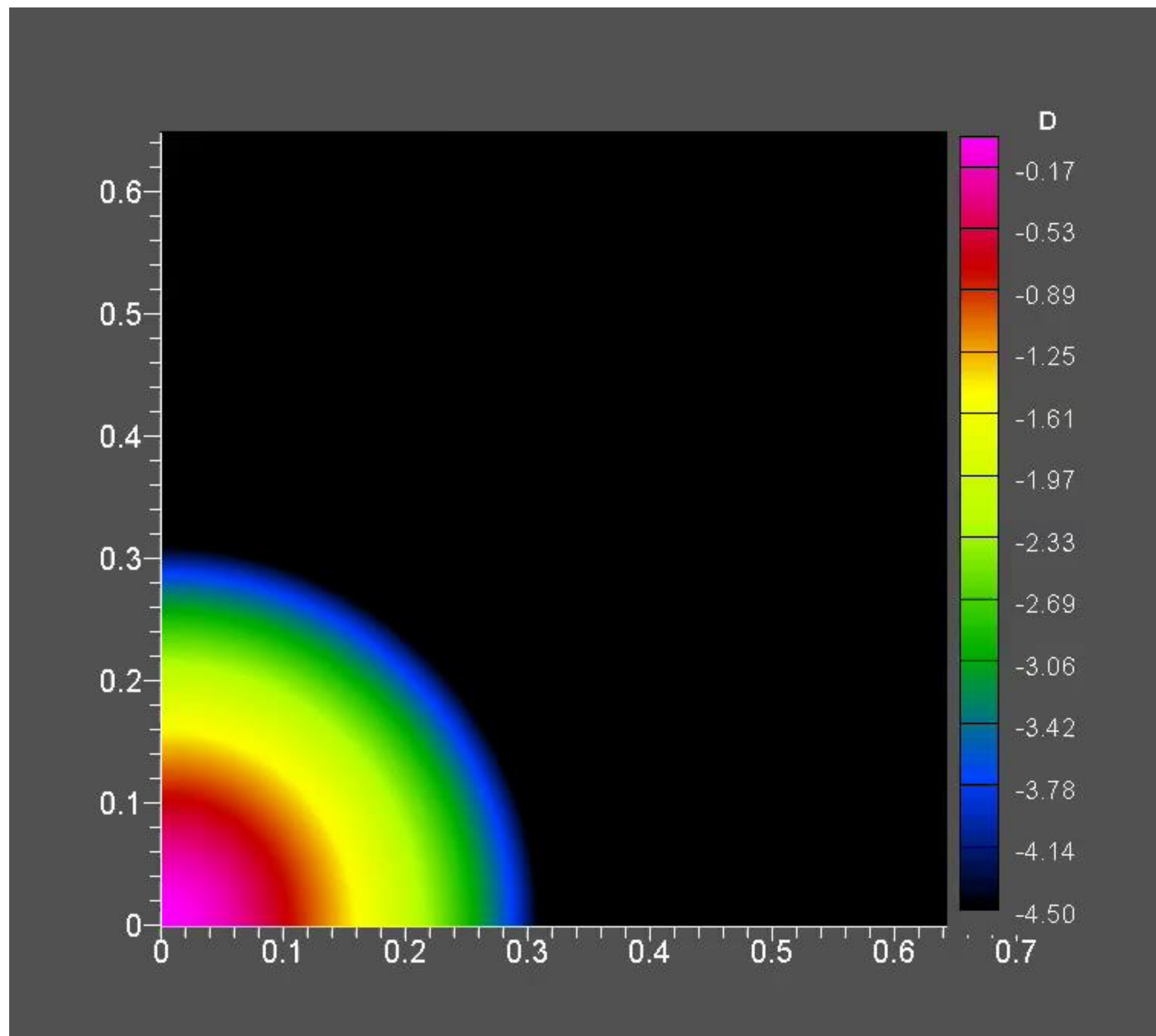
Amati Relation: $E_{nucl} \propto T_c^2$

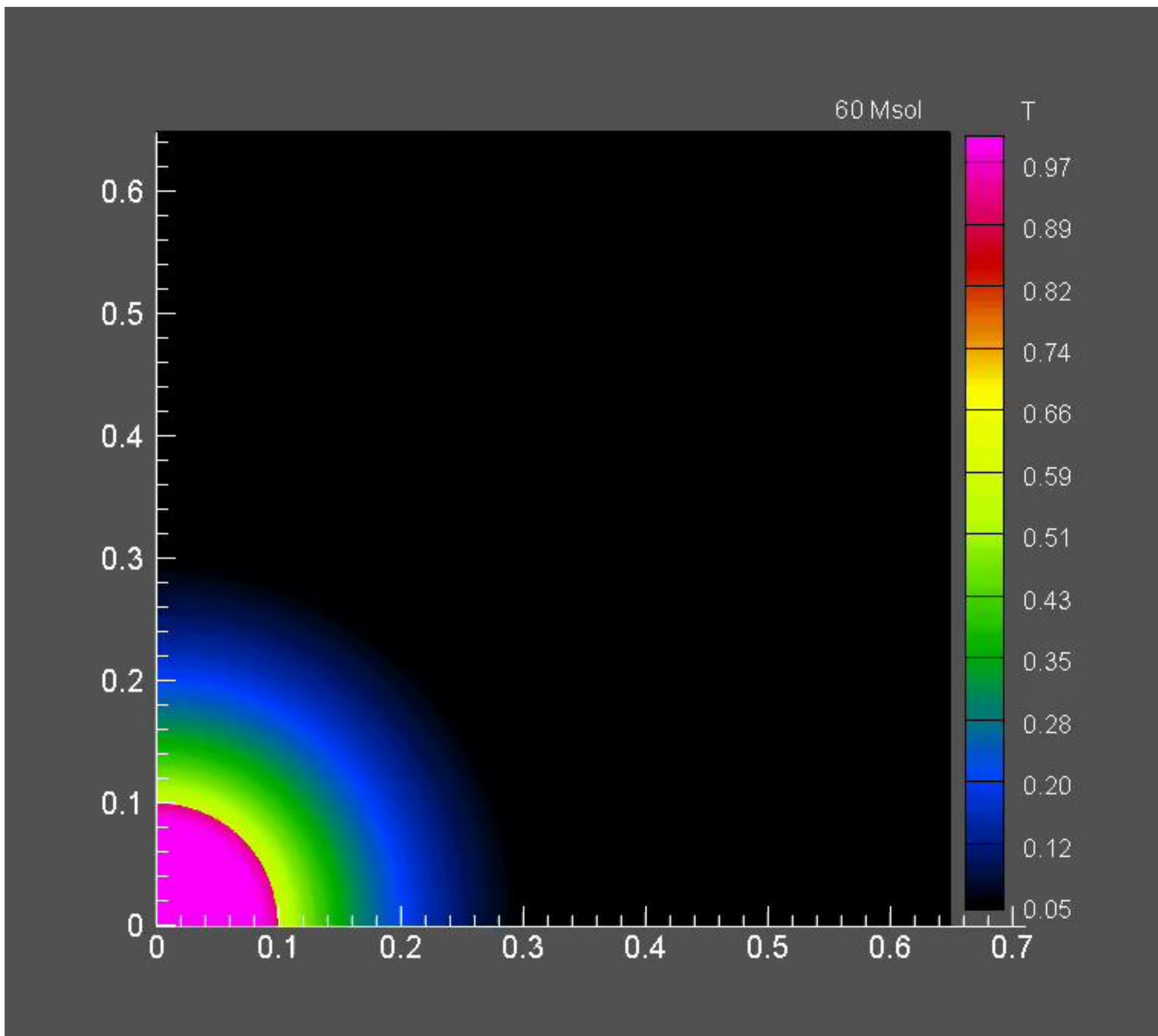


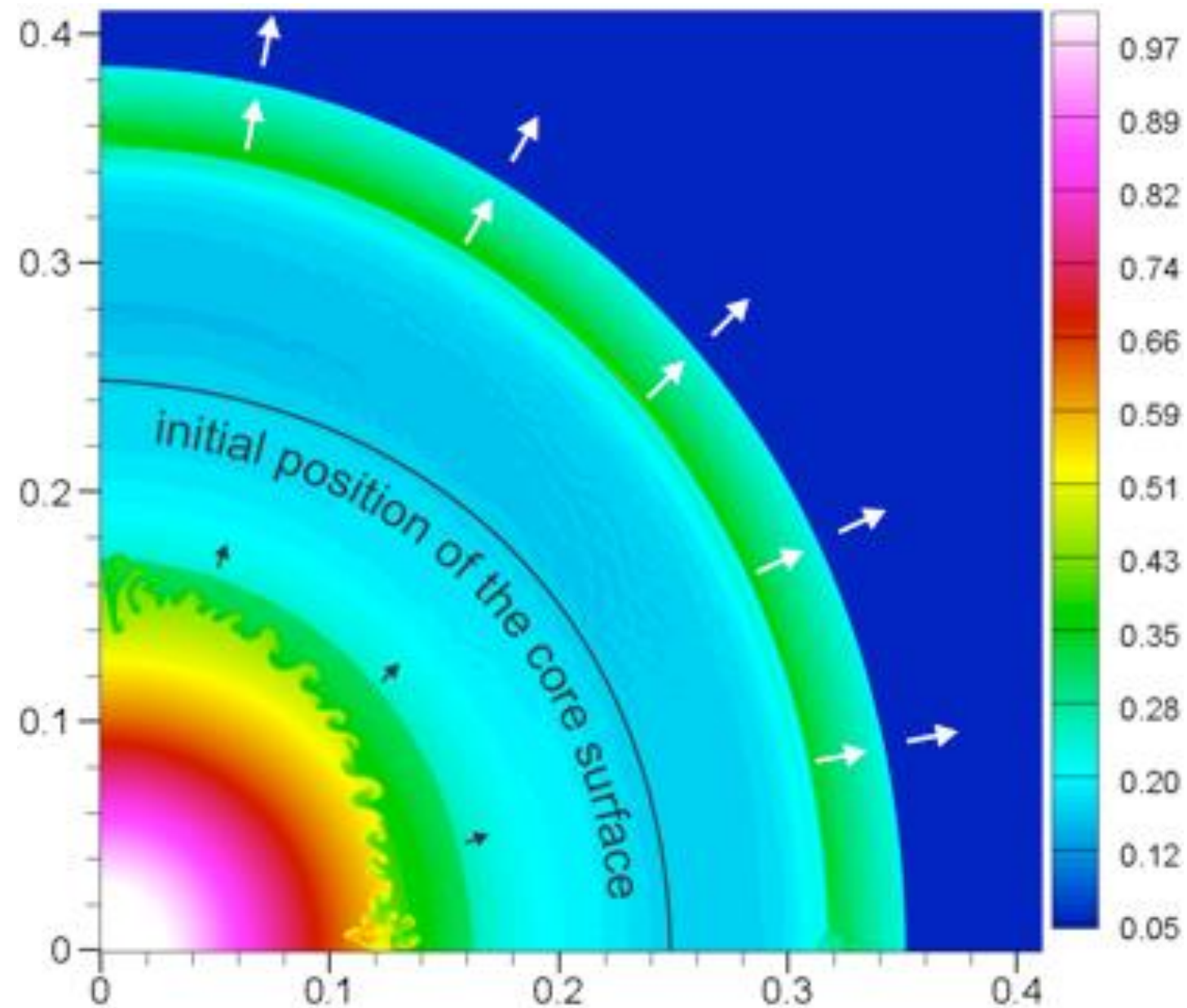
Amati relation from [L. Amati, F. Frontera and C. Guidorzi, 2009]



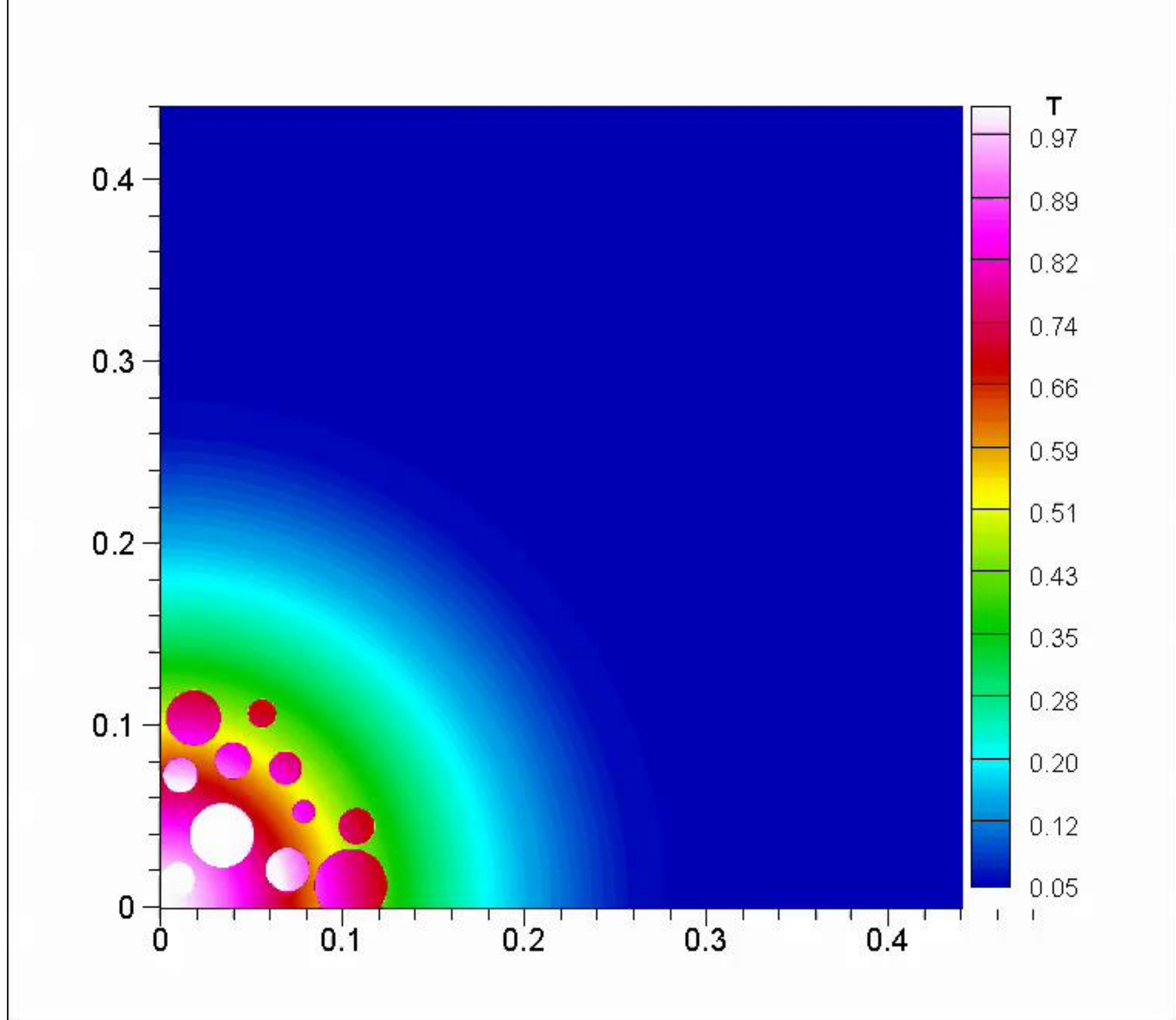
In the central region where the temperature is higher the elements are transformed by further reactions of capturing alpha-particles to the elements of the iron group up to Ni56 (example with 90 solar mass).

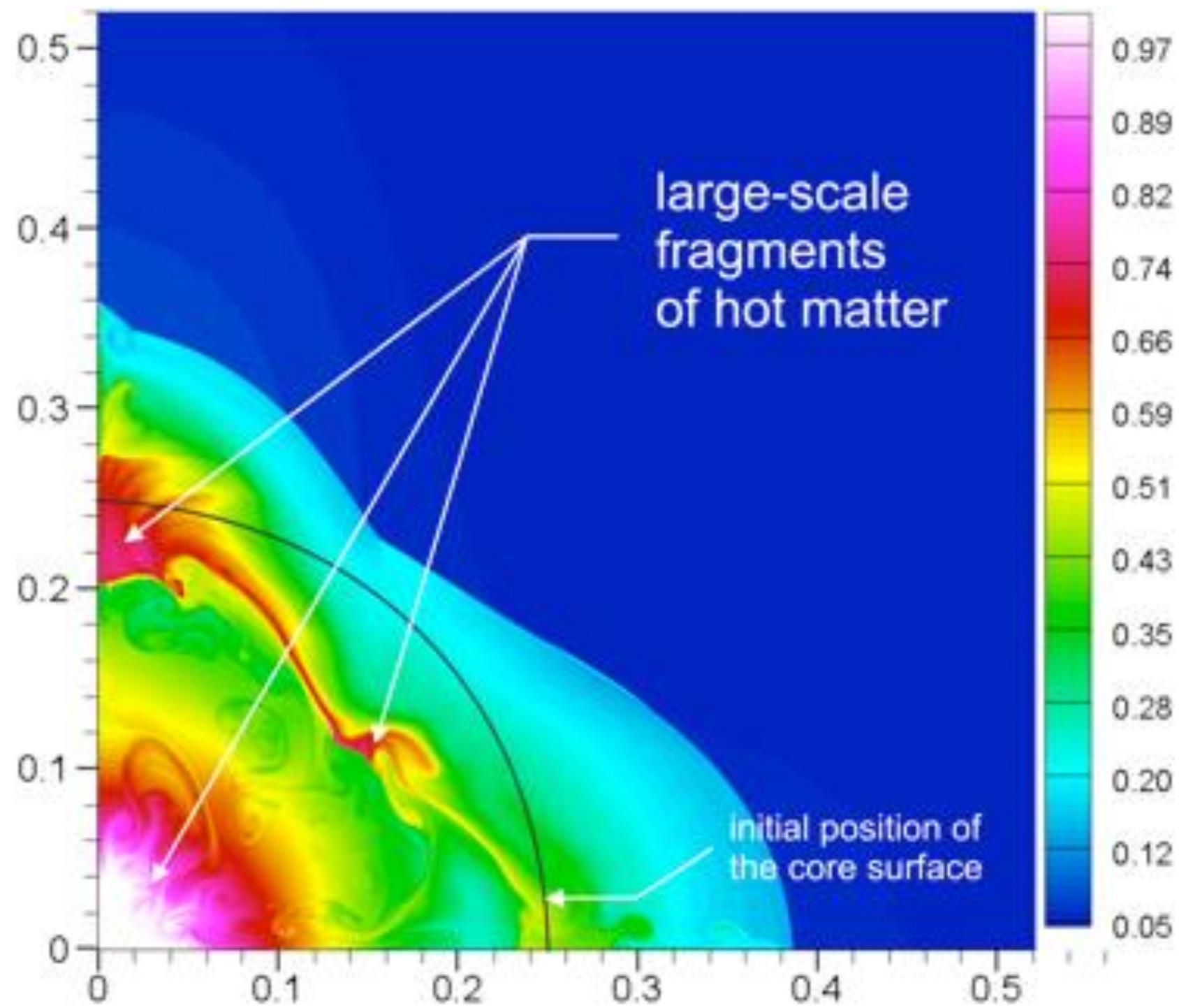






at $t=25$ s, in the central part of the core there is a region where a Rayleigh Taylor instability occurs. The radius we found is very similar to the one obtained by Chen with Castro Code





Computations in 3D code.

Implement into 3D hydrodynamical code MARPLE a new physical block that will take into account the nuclear energy that is released from nuclear burning inside a star.

Prediction of the elements abundance with tracer particle methods for tracking chemical elements produced during core explosion in 3D code.

Conclusion

